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PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 022101-001500US

Client Ref. No.: 18981-US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Jaeger, S.

Application No.: 10/087631

Filed: March 1, 2002

For: METHOD FOR THE
DETERMINATION OF A NUCLEIC
ACID USING A CONTROL

Customer No.: 41504

Confirmation No. 3750

Examiner: Cynthia B. Wilder

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1637

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 11, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend the time for response for two months from June 11, 2005 through August 11, 2005 accompanies this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.